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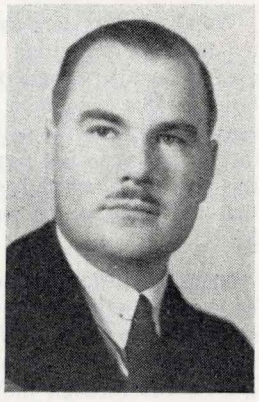
The National Council Plans For "The Years Ahead"

The report of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Study Committee which is contained in the publication called "The Years Ahead" undoubtedly made a striking impression at the Annual Meeting of the National Council held at Niagara Falls. In fact. this report was the theme of the addresses of Dr. K. E. Norris of Montreal, chairman of the Study Committee, Murray Ross, Director of the Study, and Roy Sorenson, the Associate General Secretary of the National Council of the United States.

A large part of the time of the Annual Meeting was devoted to hearings centred around the report of the Study. Then in the final hours of the Annual Meeting, the chairman of the hearings reported on the discussion, and many of the recommendations of the study were received by the Annual Meeting for further consideration by local associations, and for major attention of the National Council staff and committees.

One of these recomendations is that the Y.M.C.A. should immediately make such adjustments in the program, equipment, and membership regulations as will permit a considerable expansion of co-educational work. "It is inconceivable that the Y.M.C.A. should revert to its previous position as an exclusively male organization", the report reads.



DR. K. E. NORRIS

The report stresses the fact that the basic methods of work in the Association call for the use of the modern group work approach, and the development of programmes built on the interests and needs of youth. The view of the study committee is that the most recent insights have validated the educational experience-centred approach which has been effectively demonstrated in the Association's own work and that departure from this as a fundamental method of Christian emphasis would be unwise.

The Study also recommends that the Y.M.C.A. should specialize in the field of youth, giving prior attention to the needs of young people from fifteen to twenty-four years old, and concentrating on individual and small group activity.

Other recommendations said that:

"The Y.M.C.A. must play a positive role in the development of constructive programs of community welfare".

"The Y.M.C.A. must remain free to experiment and pioneer in new fields of activity".

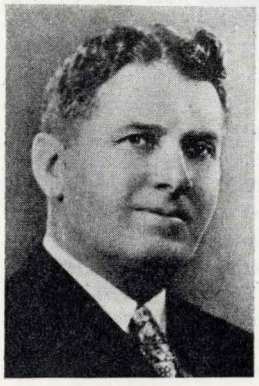
"The Y.M.C.A. must be prepared to recognize and to cooperate with other agencies which have interests and concerns similar to those of the Y.M.C.A."

Further recommendations received call for special programs in leadership training, closer relationship with service clubs, and with the Church.

The Study points out that a large percent of the present members of the Board of Directors of Y.M.C.A.'s are not drawn from among the active participants in Y.M.C.A. program, and recommends that there should be a greater representation of active participants, a larger place on the directorate for young people, and a more broadly based representation of the community on the board. The Study also recommended that consideration be given to adequate representation of labour, and in associations where girls and women participate in program, they should also have a voice in the direction of the Y.M.C.A.

The Study naturally gave careful attention to the organization and function of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.'s, and made some clean-cut recommendations for enlarging and broadening its services.

The President Speaks



H. J. HUMPHREY

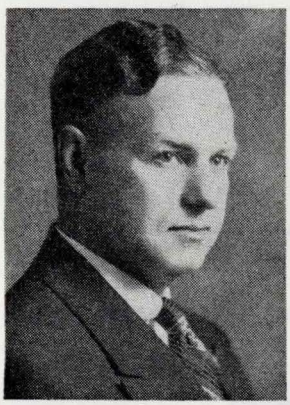
"There is a distinct place for the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in the colossal task of re - establishing the economy of a war-ravaged world," declared H. Jasper Humphrey, Montreal, National Council president, at the annual meeting in Niagara Falls.

"Victory brings responsibilities, the greatest of which is the maintaining of the lives of our people on a sound economic and Christian basis," Mr. Humphrey said. "Victory has given us one more chance, and maybe it is our last chance," he continued, "to so order our lives and our community life, that the peace bought at a frightful cost in blood and treasure can be made permanent."

After requesting that the meeting honor the fallen of the war by observing one minute of silence, the president paid tribute to the war services of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. He made special mention of the work of Major J. W. Beaton, senior war services secretary, Capt. Ed. Otter, senior overseas representative, and James Y. Murdoch, K.C., chairman of the War Services Committee.

Referring to the six months free membership offered by all Canadian branches to returning service personnel, Mr. Humphrey challenged, "Kindliness and understanding must be our strong supports if we are to materially help these men adjust themselves to civilian life."

The General Secretary's Message



R. S. HOSKING

In the absence, through illness, of the General Secretary of the National Council, R. S. Hosking, this message from him was read by C. A. Schell.

This is our first Annual Meeting following our Centennial. It is also our first Annual Meeting since the close of World War II. The occasion is fraught with significance. At long last Victory has crowned our war effort. After long years of "blood and toil, sweat and tears" God in his infinite wisdom has given us another chance to try again our way of life. It is probably our last chance. Another world war with atomic bombs and more frightful inventions of science is too dreadful to contemplate.

Surely by now we have learned that what "the brave men living and dead" have given us is not an accomplished fact but the opportunity to work out the difficult and arduous problems of peace. Surely we have learned that peace does not come with the signing of a treaty. San Francisco is merely a table around which the nations gathered to plan an organization, a method to solve the problems of peace. The big battle is up ahead and it is a battle, grim and stern. Unless we are prepared to use our highest intelligence, our utmost self-sacrificing patience and skill, the peace will evade our grasp as it did after World War I.

The Canadian Y.M.C.A. has reason to be proud not only of its record in the war but of its contribution to Canada and particularly to young Canada since it was first founded in Montreal some 94 years ago. The experience and skills we have learned through the years will be needed if we are to play our part in the fight for peace. It is the profound conviction, of many best qualified to judge, that our greatest challenge and our greatest opportunity are ahead of us. In this Annual Meeting each delegate should search his heart and mind to see if he is worthy of this undoubted opportunity. Have we the skill, the courage, the daring, the consecrated loyalty to the Canadian Youth and to Jesus Christ, to make our record of service in the coming years worthy of those leaders, both lay and secretarial, who have made this Movement what it is?

We can take solid satisfaction in the fact that this National Council initiated and organized the Canadian Youth Commission. Dr. Sidney Smith resigned as our National President to become the Chairman, and R. E. G. Davis was granted leave-of-absence from the National Staff to become the Director of this very significant commission. The first reports give promise of its significance and of the value of its findings to all youth serving agencies.

In this Annual Meeting you will study "The Years Ahead"—the report of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Study Committee. Under the Skilful Chairmanship of Dr. K. E. Norris and the brilliant directorship of Murray G. Ross, some 600 laymen and secretaries have produced this plan for the Canadian Movement. To have done so in wartime, when both staff and laymen were depleted and overburdened, is no small acheivement.

This is undoubtedly the most thorough and significant study that our Canadian Movement has undertaken. We are particularly fortunate to have the experience and guidance of the Study Committees in such readable and permanent form. This is the distilled wisdom of a large number of our most experienced and forward looking leaders. It is now our privilege and responsibility to see that these fresh ideas enrich and fertilize our Movement.

I do not propose to go into the report in detail nor to set out at length the needs of our young people. Young people need jobs, recreation, health, friends. In short they need opportunities to develop adequate personalities. The Y.M.C.A.'s need up-to-date and attractive buildings, equipment and programs, but we are committed to something deeper and more significant. The report indicates that these are only a means to an end. We are committed to a particular way or life, the Christian way of life.

I suggest to you that while jobs, recreation, health, etc., are needed by our young people, they have deeper needs. Many have a restlessness, an insecurity which even jobs and health do not always meet. Particularly is this true of men and women who have been in the forces. They are usually unaware of these deeper needs and speak of being "browned off"—"fed up," etc.

This has been the most devastating war ever fought, for it was a war against the spirits of men. Never before were such cruel and diabolical methods used. Pagan and evil ideas have been held up as right and proper. Our whole moral order has been outraged and challenged. Men have been broken in spirit and their hearts have failed them. Where can the spirit of men be revived and renewed? Where can our moral judgments be trued up?

The Young Men's Christian Association knows the answer to this problem. Jesus Christ can renew the moral and spiritual lives of men. Jesus Christ can bring men peace and spiritual security as no one else can. If this great movement is true to its genius it will bring the unmet needs of Canadian young people to the one sure source of spiritual renewal and spiritual quickening, Jesus of Nazareth. Inner poise and security can be found in His presence and under His allegiance.

Our young people are not going to have an easy time in the next few years. Christian ideas and principles have been challenged not only by our recognized enemies but they will be the all too common attitudes of our young people. Our young people have had an exhibition of strutting boasting power, the like of which has never been seen before.

We all need to learn again from the Master that self-forgetting humble service is greater far than swaggering power. Can we bring to this generation of Canadians, the sense of mission, the poise and security, of the surrendered life? Can we make clear to this generation, which has suffered so much, that the Cross is the gateway to a larger life?

The need of today is men and women who will boldly and clearly proclaim that love is stronger than hate, good is more powerful than evil and that there is a God of love who works through the lives of men. In short, we need secretaries and laymen who will really live the Christian life before these fine young people of ours. May God humble and quicken each one of us that we fail not Him nor Canadian young people.

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War Services Supervisors Tell Vivid Stories

By Frank Chamberlain

One of the inspiring periods of the annual meeting of the National Council was the War Service Dinner. It will be a long time before some of us forget the stirring reports of the war service supervisors, climaxed by George Porteous' plea in behalf of humanity and democracy everywhere in the world. I wish the words spoken that night could have been heard by radio around the globe. The speakers told a graphic story of the Y.M.C.A. in action in strange places, but it was George Porteous' night. Just home from four years in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp, and bearing visible marks of his own suffering, Porteous made a plea for human sanity and broad brotherliness. As a tribute to his homecoming the audience stood when he rose to speak.

"I was part of an immobile force," Porteous started his talk. His audience laughed at his humor, but most of the time he spoke with dead seriousness. He praised the gallant actions of Canadian troops—said they showed a determination and doggedness known by their fathers in the First World War.

Porteous' training as a Y.M.C.A. secretary stood him and his ill-fated companions in good stead in the prison camp. He organized recreation activities until malnutrition so affected the feet of the contestants, all competitive games had to be abandoned. He encouraged the prisoners to write poetry, to keep their minds off their misfortune. "I deserve a medal for reading some of that poetry," he laughed. Concert parties were organized. A school was opened and nearly 400 prisoners enrolled.

GEO. PORTEOUS

George Porteous made a strong plea for generous treatment to Japanese who are living in Canada, but followed quickly with the hope that all Japanese who had ill-treated Canadians overseas should get their just punishment. He said he had no doubt that the head of the prison camps in Japan would be hanged. He pleaded that Canadians "should not sink to the level of the Japanese in dealing with the Canadian problem of Japanese-Canadians." Said he, "The atrocity stories were all true. We were brutally and inhumanly treated. But there were plenty of Japanese who showed compassion to me. The Japanese people are different people than we are. They haven't had the chances we have had. They have not had the advantages of living in a democracy."

There isn't space to tell much of what the other speakers said. Capt. Ed. Otter, senior secretary for war services overseas, told about the 90,000 weekly attendance at the Beaver Club—about the nine artificial hockey rinks operating last year—about the gross profits of Bronco being held by the government to be distributed later—about the 1200 employed persons in Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services—about the sterling services of 2,000 women volunteers with the Y—about the ten Canadian businessmen in London who acted as the War Service Committee of the Y.M.C.A. overseas.

"Pete" Beach, senior supervisor of Y.M.C.A. War Services in Italy, now back at Albert College, Belleville, told of life with the 8th Army—of organizing track meets—of a sudden demand for 100,000 oranges, 100,000 apples and a million nuts for the 48th Highlanders—of the opening of the Salerno Club—of "Canada Club" in Rome—of the operation of movie shows and dances.

William Craig, who served as supervisor with the R.C.A.F. in the mediterraneous, the Azores and Gibraltar, related how the Y.M.C.A. served the troops during 20 months of stay in England—of his own assignment later to the eastern theatre of war—of organizing sports—or providing reading material.

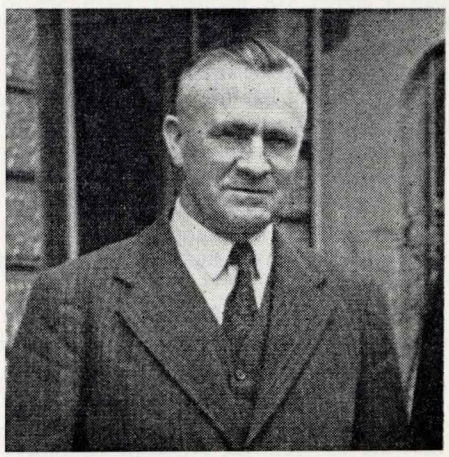
Harold A. Brown, who was mentioned in dispatches while serving as a Y.M.C.A. supervisor in North-west Europe, told of Y.M.C.A. services at Maidstone—of the unsuccessful attempt to capture Arnheim—of how the Canadians were treated when they reached Holland.

I wish there had been time to hear T. H. Hutchinson, just back from three months' overseas where he visited Y.M.C.A. War Supervisors, paying particular attention to men who are returning to Canada to Y.M.C.A. work as a career. He gave up his time so that the audience might hear George Porteous' full story.

A report of the War Service dinner would be incomplete without reference to the able way in which Harold R. Frost, K.C., of Toronto, chairman of the Executive Committee, acted as chairman. He paid tribute to three Y.M.C.A. men who were unable to be present: James Y. Murdoch, K.C., chairman of the War Services Committee; Major John W. Beaton, senior secretary for war services; and R. S. Hosking, general secretary of the National Council. The last two were detained at home through illness.

Jos. McCulley with Khaki University

One of the chief advisors of the "Khaki University of Canada" established for the troops at Leavesden, England, was Joseph McCulley, Headmaster at Pickering College and chairman of the Young Men's Committee of the National Council. When interviewed by a writer of the Maple Leaf, official Canadian Army newspaper, Mr. McCulley said some of the 600 students enrolled at Khaki University are finding it difficult to work back into the routine of study. "However," he added, "they are all tackling the job seriously and I anticipate very few failures." The chairman of the Young Men's Committee was interviewed in a trailer just outside of Apeldorn, Holland. He had crossed the channel to visit Army educators in Holland and Germany.



E. D. OTTER

Roy Sorenson Summarizes

ROY SORENSON

One of the most significant addresses made at the Annual Meeting of the National Council at Niagara Falls was that by Roy Sorenson, Associate General Secretary of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s in the United States. Describing "The Years Ahead", the report of the Y.M.C.A. study, Mr. Sorenson said that it has seven significant factors.

1. Its social orientation was broad and realistic. It reflected contact with the main currents of our time. It was not locked up and circumscribed by inside Y.M.C.A. thinking and experience only. It showed awareness of the factors in our culture to which we must be sensitive.
2. Its conception of the nature and role of the Y.M.C.A. was clear and sound. It was not dissipated and blurred by its broad social orientation because it revealed a clear, coherent view of the inherent nature and genius of the Y.M.C.A. as developed through a century.
3. It was widely shared in its preparation. No small handful of people prepared the document. Studies across the land, correspondence, meetings, and committees which worked arduously produced it.
4. It has unifying and morale value. The joint possession of common directions does something very important for the spirit of a movement.
5. It raises our sights and lifts us out of the ordinary. The acheivement of these recommendations cannot come to pass with complacency.
6. It exalts orderly processes of fact finding as a basis of policy. These recommendations did not come out of merely rearranging opinions. They were based upon data — upon facts — upon analysis of situations.
7. And the Study leaves open unfinished, unrefined portions. It is a challenge to clearer interpretation of many of the parts, and to figuring out how to accomplish them.

In a remarkably clear way, Mr. Sorenson summarized the findings of the "Hearings" held at Niagara Falls. He discovered that there were eleven "R's" of advance for the Canadian Y.M.C.A.:

1. *Reinforce* local financial structures;
2. *Restore* and renovate buildings.
3. *Rehabilitate* young adult work;
   —on boards, committees, councils, management and control:
   —increase groups and activities for 15-24 year olds.
4. *Round out better* cross section of community leaders on boards of directors.
5. *Realize* better membership policies and practices.
6. *Re-emphasize*
   (a) Y.M.C.A. position as a private, religious agency;
   (b) greater concentration on individuals and small groups;
   (c) richness and diversity in quality of program with use of new program media;
   (d) co-educational activity;
   (e) open platform.
7. *Recruit,* train, and supervise leadership.
8. *Raise* standards in that group of Associations with lowest levels of performance.
9. *Respond* to new needs in communities by extending Y.M.C.A. into urban neighborhoods with few facilities, and small communities.
10. *Relate* the Y.M.C.A. to community planning, and with such groups as labor and government.
11. *Re-clarify,* re-deploy, and re-organize the National Council—restate functions primary emphasis upon field service—strengthen relationships with national and provincial bodies — decentralize into regions.

Practical suggestions for implementing the recommendations in the Y.M.C.A.'s study were given by Mr. Sorenson:

1. A committee of the National Council Executive to examine and evaluate the several alternative ways of accomplishing the recommendations concerning the the National Council might well be appointed.

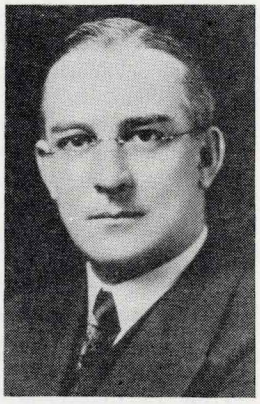
   The high visibility of the National Council to all Associations inevitably spotlights it so that if it does not move decisively in accord with the recommendations it will be a symbol to the country that the goals are glorified wish thinking. On the other hand to aggressively examine and determine what are the practical ways of moving in the direction of the expressed wish of the Canadian Associations may be like tipping over the first domino.
2. Maximum Study by local boards and local staffs—locating those matters where local action is necessary.
3. During the coming years, secretarial meetings, committeemen's conferences, and other Association gatherings should base their programs on various sections of the report. Regional meetings of laymen and secretaries for purpose of study and discussion of report have been proposed.
4. The National Staff should sort out these recommendations into two major categories:
   (a) Those which are up to the National Council Staff and Executive;
   (b) Those which are up to local Association.
5. Make provision for some accounting of progress on these various items in subsquent National Council meetings.

Prayer for the Christian Associations of the World

We thank Thee that in the fullness of time
Men and women the world around
In Christian Associations
Have banded together for the cause of Christ.
We adore Him as our friend,
We hail Him as our teacher,
We follow Him as our guide.
We acknowledge Him to be the Lord.
Of one flesh Thou madest all men to dwell under the sun,
All are recipients of Thy bounty.
Give us for our wisdom the friendly spirit which is in Him.
Emancipate us from selfish pride;
Grant us a generous heart, a giving hand;
Liberate us from the strife of nations,
All loyalties which divide;
Remind us of our common failure,
Our mutual need,
Our oneness in Thy presence.
Make strong our tie in loyalty to Jesus Christ,
Bind us with the will to serve Him;
Hold us by a love which is patient to wait,
Eager to believe the best.
Knit us in a worldwide purpose
To make fair the whole of life.
Bestow Thy blessing,
That with brave spirit and singleness of aim,
We may keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace
And break the bread of life
For hungry nations;
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

James Y. Murdoch, K.C. Reports on War Services

"The Canadian Y.M.C.A. can be proud of its share and its contribution to the total life of Canada's manhood and womanhood who have been engaged in the war," James Y. Murdoch, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services Committee said in his report to the annual meeing of the National Council at Niagara Falls.



J. Y. MURDOCH

The Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services were operating this year in 3,024 different locations, the report disclosed. Included were 18 hostels, 94 town centres, 1612 major base camps and stations, 1300 outposts. Over 14,000 volunteers gave strength to the permanent paid staff of the Y. One thousand of these were in the United Kingdom, 12,650 in Canada. Over 41,645,000 attendances were reported at Y centres in North America; 8,821,000 attendances were reported in local Y.M.C.A.'s in Canada; 38,813,769 attendances at points overseas. Grand total of services and attendances was 89,280,326 during the past year.

Y.M.C.A. programs were carried on in Nissen huts and palatial theatres, trucks, barns, tents, under the stars, and in mud and fog, Mr. Murdoch said. The activities included the operation of hostels and restaurants, swimming pools, skating rinks, gymnasia and playing fields, gift shops and canteens, barber shops and beauty shops, tailoring and cleaning establishments and information bureaux.

Mr. Murdoch's report paid special tribute to Major John W. Beaton, senior war services secretary, and to Capt. Ed. Otter, senior war services secretary overseas, and to W. N. McIlwraith, chairman of the overseas war services committee. The Y.M.C.A., he said, owed a great debt of gratitude to both the overseas committee and the Canadian War Services Committee. Included in his commendations were members of the headquarter's staff, area secretaries, war service secretaries, and the 14,150 voluntary workers in Y.M.C.A. War Services.

The War Services report made special mention of the Public Relations Committee under W. C. Stannard. This Committee produced a series of postcards depicting major phases of Y.M.C.A. War Services, 10,000 folders describing the Y.M.C.A.'s share in War Prisoners' Aid, 500,000 "Welcome Home" folders, and half a million 32-page booklets "With Arthur Jones Through 5 Years of War."

The report included the fact that 52 permanent Y.M.C.A. buildings in Canada representing an $8,000,000 peace-time investment continued to be made available to men and women in uniform. There are also 35 hostels, 216 forts and outposts, 49 army camps and barracks, 34 naval establishments and 195 air stations where the Y.M.C.A. is serving in Canada. The "Y" also serves in Labrador, Newfoundland, the Bahamas, Great Britain, European centres, and other places. Five Y spervisors suffered casualties in the performance of their duties, and a military helper died of wounds. Five of the Y men were awarded military honors for their services. Leave centres were operated in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Excellent co-operation with the other auxiliary services continued through the war, Mr. Murdoch said. Personal and special services of the Y.M.C.A. were almost limitless in variety.

Arrangements were made for weddings, problems of re-establishment dealt with, clubs organized for wives of service men, lectures given to trainee officers, help given with income tax forms. Supervisors accepted responsibility for blood donors' clinics, and helped with Red Cross drives and Victory Loan campaigns. One supervisor, as chairman of the publicity committee for the Army for a Victory Loan drive in Newfoundland, gave 55 addresses. Assistance was given in placing men on farm leave. Daily local newscasts were provided through a loud speaker to key places on camps or stations.

J. W. BEATON

War Services Commended

Minister of National Defence for Air
Ottawa,
31st August, 1945.

Major J. W. Beaton,
Senior Secretary for War Services,
National Council, Y.M.C.A.
21 Dundas Square,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

At this time of victory over our enemies I desire to express, on behalf of myself and all ranks of the R.C.A.F., our deepest appreciation for the splendid work which you and your organization have done for the R.C.A.F. during the long years of war.

The magnificent and sustained co-operation which has been extended at all times is deserving of the highest praise, and it must be a source of great satisfaction to your organization to know that you have made an outstanding contribution to the maintenance of high morale within the R.C.A.F.

Your continued and loyal support during the period that forces of occupation are required and during demobilization is also very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) COLIN GIBSON.

Office of Chief of the Air Staff,
Ottawa,
12th September, 1945.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the officers and other ranks of the Royal Canadian Air Force, I wish to extend to your Organization sincere appreciation of the important work you have carried on throughout the war.

Through your efforts the highest standard of welfare services was made available to Royal Canadian Air Force personnel. The effectiveness of your work merits the high praise expressed by all ranks and is reflected in the morale and esprit de corps which you so magnificently supported.

Will you please convey to all individuals in your organization my deepest gratitude for their splendid services both in Canada and Overseas.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) ROBERT LECKIE,
Air Marshal,
Chief of the Air Staff.

Major J. W. Beaton,
Senior Secretary for War Services,
National Council, Y.M.C.A.,
21 Dundas Square,
Toronto, Ontario.

Canadian Association of Secretaries Elects Officers

The secretaries of the Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada have their own professional society known as the Canadian Association of Secretaries. The main object of this group is to foster, encourage, and recognize good workmanship. Just prior to the Annual Meeting of the National Council, this Canadian Association of Secretaries held a two-day meeting and the retiring president Dr. K. E. Norris of Montreal announced the election of the following officers who will hold office for three years:

President—Ralph Albrant, General Secretary, Brantford.

Secretary—J. M. Singleton, Boys' Secretary, St. Catharines.

Treasurer—C. F. Wallis, Executive Secretary, St. Catharines.

Vice-President (Central)—Don McLaren, General Program, Hamilton.

Vice-President (Eastern)—Les Vipond, General Secretary, Halifax.

Vice-President (Mid West)—Dae Strain, Physical Director, Winnipeg.

Vice-President (Far West)—Archie Ramer, Executive Secretary, New Westminster.

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12.15 noon E.S.T.
6.30 p.m. C.S.T.
5.30 p.m. M.S.T.
5.45 p.m. P.S.T.

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Tea For Ninety Eight

A humorous story about a Naval padre has come to Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services headquarters from one of the supervisors overseas. The padre in question recently visited a North Wales Y.M.C.A. and in talking to a number of the volunteer women workers expressed a great interest in the problem of making tea in large quantities.

"If you like you can make our next lot of tea," one of the workers suggested. And the padre set to with a will.

Acting on the principle of "one spoonful per person and one for the pot," he counted the number of men to be served. They totalled 98. He counted out spoonfuls until he reached the 98th. Then he made an alarming discovery. There was no room for the water.

The Annual Meeting Re-elected Its President

Unanimously the annual meeting of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. re-elected H. Jasper Humphrey of Montreal, as President of the National Council for the ensuing year. Re-elected as chairman of the Executive Committee was Harold R. Frost, K.C., of Toronto.

Four Vice-Presidents were elected:
Lt.-Col. F. W. Miller, of Montreal;
Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock, Ottawa;
Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie, of Vancouver;
J. G. Dunlop, of Halifax.

W. J. Hastie, of Toronto, was re-elected treasurer. Honorary President elected was Lt.-Col. Gerald W. Birks, of Montreal. Four Honorary Vice-Presidents were elected:
Hon. R. F. McWilliams, of Winnipeg;
D. J. Bonnell, of Vancouver;
L. E. Shaw, of Halifax;
Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, of Mexico City.

The Committee chairmen elected were:

Personnel—E. E. Sparrow, Toronto;

Transportation—F. W. Edge, Montreal;

Boys' Work—J. Hiles Templin, Hamilton;

Young Men's—Jos. McCulley, Newmarket;

Physical Education—F. L. Bartlett, Toronto;

World Service—John B. Frosst, Montreal;

Geneva Park—J. M. Booth, Toronto;

Institute on Public Affairs—Dr. Malcolm W. Wallace, Toronto;

War Services—James Y. Murdoch, K.C., Toronto;

Extension—Justice R. L. Kellock, Ottawa;

Sports College—J. A. Scythes, Toronto.

Advisory members appointed were:

Lt.-Col. G. W. Birks, Montreal; Dr. J. A. Clark, Charlottetown; W. H. Cooper, Hamilton; Hon. R. F. McWilliams, Winnipeg; A. J. Hills, Montreal; Chas. J. Kay, Vancouver; W. B. Preston, Brantford; G. E. H. Smith, Edmonton; Dr. Malcolm W. Wallace Toronto; H. Ballantyne, Toronto; W. C. Rean, Toronto; M. W. Wilson, Montreal; A. R. Kaufman, Kitchener; Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, Mexico City; Sir Ernest MacMillan, Toronto; George Hodge, Montreal; John A. Tory, Toronto; L. L. Grabill, Toronto; W. J. Lind, Toronto; J. H. McDonald, New Westminister; L. E. Shaw, Halifax.

A Silent Victory

A silent but significant victory to our whole North American Movement has been taking place, which comparatively few of us know anything about.

During the long depression years, a debt had to be contracted, largely for our International or World Service work. It was nobody's fault in particular, as the depression was longer and more intense in its duration than anybody expected and it was not possible to bring our men home from all over the world quickly. In addition the National Councils, of both Canada and the United States, had to incur smaller debts due to the depression also. The total of the debts amounted to $2,813,753.00.

In the year 1942, a group of General Secretaries got the idea of clearing off this debt by the Y's Centennial Year, 1944, in order to start the second century with a clean slate. The two Canadian Secretaries present at this meeting were Jack Beaton and George Patterson. They appointed F. A. Hathaway, General Secretary of Chicago, Chairman, and went to work. In Canada we asked E. J. Jenkins, of Ottawa, to act as Chairman, and took a share of $102,168.00, which was arrived at by taking the 1941 Year Book membership figures, and suggesting that each Association contribute one dollar per year per member for two years.

Through the herculean efforts of these men on both sides of the line, the debt was reduced to approximately $1,000,000.00 at the beginning of this year. Then John D. Rockefeller came to the rescue and offered 5,000 shares of Standard Oil Stock, equivalent to $250,000.00 or better, if we would raise the balance of the fund by October 15th this year. With this generous offer, Guy V. Aldrich was appointed a full-time Secretary to see the job through. The result is that today the whole International debt has been wiped out, except for a small amount which still has to be paid in cash to redeem bonafide pledges.

In Canada Mel Chater succeeded Ed Jenkins as chairman of the General Secretaries Debt Fund Committee, and the World Service Department was asked to combine the remainder of Canada's share of the Debt Fund with the annual World Service appeal. The co-operation of the Associations across the country has been magnificent, Montreal leading with total gifts of $30,000.00, and a further anonymous gift of $10,000.00 provided Canada raises its total share. The Kaufman family in Kitchener has also given $4,500.00, Mr. E. G. Baker, of Toronto, $500.00. The total amount raised by Canada was $95,059.90.

The whole thing has been a great victory for which we can thank God and move on to new post-war needs and opportunities.

V-J Day Inspires Two Poems

Something about the solemnity of the occasion, something about the place itself, inspired two persons present at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, (the summer school property of the National Council) to express themselves in verse. The two hymns below were not only composed at Lake Couchiching but both of them were sung at the Victory Service held there. Mr. Hall's hymn was sung to the tune Maryton, and Mr. Adaney's to special music which he composed for the occasion. The News Bulletin considers it a rare privilege to bring these Victory hymns to its readers.

Hymn to Victory

Almighty power, spirit great,
Within whose love we live and move,
In this great hour we lift our hearts,
In glad assurance of thy love.

In peril deep we often walked;
Dark was the road our brothers trod;
Bloodshed and death were all around
And hid the blessed peace of God.

We thank Thee now that we have come
Through all the nations' darkest hours.
We pray that we may humble be
To use for good our new-found powers.

And may we turn from ways of war
To build a new and better life;
Disease and want our only foes,
Strife with our sins the only strife.

May all the peoples of the earth
Unite with all and thus with Thee.
O gracious Lord, Thy Kingdom come
And make us worthy to be free.

—H. F. HALL, Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, August 1945.

Hymn for World Victory

We together, here together
Greet a brave new world.
The peoples' war is ended in Victory.
Greed, the tyrant, hath had his say.
The peoples' will has triumphed this day.
So together, all together
Pledge we faith in man.
The last Great War is ended in Victory.
Hate, the sinner, hath died today,
And Love is willing to stay.
Now together, all together
Sound the joyful horn.
All the Nations sing together
In a world new born.

We together, here together,
Sing tomorrow's song;
The peoples' hopes are founded on Victory.
Fear, the traitor is swept away;
The peoples' faith has triumphed this day.
So together, all together,
Nations turn from wrong.
A mighty plan is rising from Victory.
Foes are vanquished who would betray,
For Truth is with us to stay.
Now together, all together,
Useless cords unbind.
See the Nations boldly bearing
Gifts to all Mankind.

—MARCUS ADANEY, Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, August 1945.

High Praise for Canadians in India

At the National Council meeting at Niagara Falls, Dalton F. McClelland, newly appointed Executive Secretary of the International Board, paid tribute to the Canadian airmen whom he met in India and also to the Canadian World Service Secretaries working there.

D. F. McCLELLAND

In regard to the Royal Canadian Air Force men he said: "I never met a Canadian boy who would make you blush."

Regarding Charles Paterson of Montreal he said: "No Secretary has labored so long for the people of India as he. He has a record of over thirty-five years." He referred to Jack Dunderdale as "that splendid representative from Winnipeg, clear minded, active, devoted." Bob Gibson, formerly of Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services, he characterized as "the man we cannot speak of without affection and admiration." Bob's last letter, Mr. McClelland said, was written on a plane while he was flying beween Singapore and Bangkok. Jack Purves of Toronto is responsible for twenty-five army centres in India, and is doing an excellent job. Earle Buckley of Saint John made a deep impression while at Madras. He is now at Chungking.

Mr. McClelland met Cody Moffat here in America and believes he will do great work at the Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education in Madras. Mr. McClelland brought greetings to Canada from Dr. Chang Po Ling, President of the National Committee in China, from the National Committee itself and from the National staff of China, as well as from Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, President of the National Council of India and the National Council and staff of India. He brought home this message from General Odlum, Canadian Ambassador to China, whom he met personally at Chungking: "Say to the young men of Canada that there is something greater in this world than making money. This (referring to world service) is the greatest thing in the world."

Secretaries Recently Certified

After careful appraisal of their work over a period of the last two years, the following secretaries have been advanced from junior secretary to the rating of a fully qualified secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in North America. As a pre-requisite for registration as a Junior secretary, these men had to have passed their twenty-first birthday, be considered full time paid workers, have submitted a personal satement of faith and purpose, have entered the service with serious purpose to explore its career possibilities, and have graduation from an accredited university (or a carefully defined equivalent). Having now successfully completed the required qualifications, these men are now certified to be Y.M.C.A. secretaries:

Cragg, Norman F.—Y.M.C.A. War Services (overseas).
Davis, A. J.—General Program, Montreal, Central.
Gosse, C. Hamilton—Boys, Windsor, Ont.
Hugg, Alan E. —Special Survey, Montreal.
McGregor, Donald L.—Physical Director, Toronto Broadview.
Naylor, Wilburforce—Y.M.C.A. War Services (overseas).
Singleton, J. M.—Boys, St Catharines, Ont.
Smee, Edgar E.—General Program, Winnipeg, Man.
Tyler, E. J.—General Secretary, Brandon, Man.
Young, George D. — Area Secretary, Y.M.C.A. War Services.

Personnel Changes

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Andrews, Marjorie—Fellowship, Brandon, Man.
Bannerman, Ross—Boys-Physical, Sydney, N.S.
Berner, Ernest—Boys-Physical, Guelph, Ont.
Burdy, Reg.—Community Boys, Winnipeg, Man.
Evans, John—Physical, Montreal, Southwestern.
Fawcett, Phil—Community-Fellowship, Edmonton, Alta. (returned from Air Force)
Francis, Joseph—Boys-Physical, New Westminster, B.C.
Gosse, C. Hamilton—Boys, Windsor, Ont. (returned from Navy)
Gripton, Jim—Assistant Boys, Toronto Central.
Humphreys, Albert—Boys, Montreal Southwestern.
Lingwood, Don—Personal Counsellor, Toronto Central (returned from Air Force)
McClement, Harry—Acting Boys, Kitchener, Ont.
MacDonald, Donald — Membership and Young Men's, Toronto Broadview.
McFarland, Lewis — Fellowship, Toronto Broadview.
McLennan, Rory—Boys (Building), Winnipeg, Man. (returned from Air Force).
Powles, Joy—Women and Girls, Montreal, N.D.G.
Raaflaub, Ed E.—Community, Toronto High Park (returned from Army)
Raegele, Allan—Program, Stratford, Ont.
Reeves, Bob—Boys-Physical, Sudbury, Ont.
Shortt, J. Ed—Physical-General Program, Belleville, Ont. (re-entry)
Seaman, Ross—Community, Montreal Point St. Charles (returned from Air Force)
Stevenson, Jean—Community, Women and Girls, Winnipeg, Man.
Stevenson, Kyle — Assistant Boys, Vancouver, B.C.
Stretton, Herbert—Fellowship, Edmonton, Alta.
Tait, William—Business, Edmonton, Alta., (re-entry)
Torrance, Robert—Community, Vancouver, B.C.
Wakely, Gilbert—Young Men's and Membership, St. Catharines, Ont.
Welsh, Dick—Fellowship, Montreal.
Williams, Lynn—Assistant Boys and Boys Physical, Hamilton, Ont. (returned from Navy).
Wilson, Gordon—Young Men's, Vancouver, B.C.
Wood, Glen—Assistant Physical, Montreal Central.
Wybourn, Ed—Associate General Program, Toronto Central.

TRANSFERS

Clark, A. B.—War Service Supervisor to Physical, Peterborough, Ontario.
Corbett, Murray—Physical, Brantford, Ont. to Physical, Halifax, N.S.
Dewar, Myles—War Service Supervisor to General Program-Membership, Hamilton.
Gamble, Fred—War Service Supervisor to General Secretary, Cornwall, Ontario.
Hanagan, Ron—Boys, Montreal Central to Executive Eastern Community.
Harris, Walter—Boys, Montreal Southwestern to Boys, Regina, Saskatchewan.
Hubbard, Fred G.—Personnel, National Council to General Secretary, Vancouver, B.C.
Hutchinson, T. H.—General Secretary, Vancouver to Personnel, National Council.
Lundgren, R. C.—General Secretary, Owen Sound to General Secretary, Moncton, N.B.
Shoemaker, Viv—General Program, Winnipeg to General Secretary, Capreol, Ont.
Singleton, George—War Service Supervisor to Community Boys, Toronto Broadview.
Samson, J. M.—Assistant Boys, National Council to General Secretary, Chatham, Ont.
Smee, Edgar E.—War Service Supervisor, to Program, Winnipeg, Man.
Swim, R. C.—War Service Supervisor, to General Secretary, Yarmouth, N.S.
Teager, W. A. —Boys, New Westminster, B.C., to Boys (Building), Toronto Broadview.
Warburton, Art—Assistant Physical, Winnipeg, to Physical, Edmonton, Alta.
West, J. E. R.—Physical, Hamilton, Ont., to Physical, Brantford, Ontario.
Youmans, Fred—War Service Supervisor, to Community Boys, Winnipeg, Man.

RESIGNATIONS

Hearn, Gordon—Boys Work, Vancouver, B.C., to Study toward Ph.D.
Hembruff, Herb—General Secretary, St. Thomas, to United States Association.
Kidd, John P.—War Service Supervisor, to Director, Civil Service Recreation Association, Ottawa.
Kidd, Muriel—Women and Girls, New Westminster.
McLaren, D. J. K.—Program, Hamilton, Ontario.
Smith, Eric H.—Community, Winnipeg, Man., to Business.
Reid, Weir—Program, Toronto Central, to Business.
Terry, Earl—General Secretary, Moncton, to Teaching.
Young, Ralph C.—Program, Edmonton, Alta., to General Secretary, M.R.E.C.

"The Years Ahead"

This is the title of the 300 page book which reports, in detail, the study of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Copies may be ordered from the National Council Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada, 21 Dundas Square, Toronto, at two dollars each.

Assistant Boys' Secretary to Chatham

James M. Samson, who for the past two years has been assistant boys' secretary of the National Council has accepted the general secretaryship of the newly organized Y.M.C.A. at Chatham, Ontario.

"Jim" Samson received his professional education at the Y.M.C.A. College at Springfield. He served briefly at Montreal (Westmount) but when the Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. was re-opened he responded to their urgent call and became the boys' work secretary there. While in Lethbridge he married Marie Lovering. They have four children (two sets of twins)—one boy and three girls.

From Lethbridge "Jim" came East to assume the boys' work secretaryship at the London, Ontario, Y.M.C.A., and after a very successful experience there he yielded to the call of an important war duty and became the representative of the Y.M.C.A. at the munitions plant at Pickering, Ontario, (later known as Ajax). He developed a very broad and useful recreational service and rendered a fine piece of war services industrial work.

When the Public Relations department of the National Council was being established and Nelson McEwen, the National Boys' Work Secretary, took over its organization, some assistance for him in boys' work was needed and "Jim" Samson was the choice.

For the past two years "Jim" has shown fine leadership and gave special time to camping, neighborhood club work, and to the Dominion-Provincial Farm Service Camps.

He goes to the challenging job of giving leadership to the new Chatham YM.C.A. with the confidence and good wishes of the National Council staff and committees.

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